Medicines under drug price control order

†5029. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various medicines in the country fall under the purview of Drug (Price Control) Order;

(b) if so, the total number of medicines which were under the purview of the said Order in March, 1997 and March, 2000, separately;

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of medicines under the purview of Drug Price Control Order increased during the said period; if so, the percentage of the increase; and

(d) the percentage of increase in the prices of drugs which do not fall under the purview of the said Order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995, promulgated on 6.1.1995, 76 bulk drugs were kept under price control as mentioned in the First Schedule of the said Order. However, two bulk drugs were omitted from the schedule in September, 1997 and presently 74 bulk drugs and formulations based thereon are under price control.

(c) and (d) Price fixation / revision of prices of drugs is an ongoing and continuous process. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, an attached office of the Department^ of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, have between the period August, 97 to March,2000, fixed / revised price of 965 formualtion packs. Of the 965 packs, prices have been reduced for 402 and raised for 408 packs. Prices for 124 packs were fixed for the first time, while no change was effected from the existing level in the case of 31 packs.

Expenditure on Fertilizer Schemes

†5030 SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent so far on various fertilizer schemes during the last three years;

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